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1. Following the reported cuts and reorganizations in heavy industry and its coordination with the Czech heavy industry, most of the chief administrations of the Polish Ministry of Mining are now being transferred to Stalinogrod (formerly Katowice). Among the administrations being transferred are the Centralny Zarzad Budownictwa Weglowego (Coal Mine Development Administration), and the Centrala Produktow Naftowych (Mine Construction and Oil Products).¹ 25X1
2. The Zeran Works, near Warsaw, fulfilled only 87 percent of the plan for 1954. A large heavy-industry plant, the Warsaw Foundry, is under construction north of Warsaw and will be completed in one year. It is located beyond the Praga suburb and the railroad bridge leading to the Zeran Works.
3. Grave shortcomings and mistakes in the Nowa Huta project are becoming more apparent. Aside from being too far from the Silesian coal mines, the shortage of water in Nowa Huta has become acute, since the quantities available from the Vistula River are insufficient. The furnaces are unsuitable for the pig iron brought from the Urals, and the Swedish iron used in the Polish foundries is now of inferior quality; this supply may shortly be stopped. The faulty town planning of Nowa Huta has made impossible the installation of a heating system fed by hot water from the foundries, because of the narrow streets and the many pipes laid for other purposes. 25X1
4. The aluminum plant in Skawina, near Krakow, produces aluminum for the MIG aircraft industry. A factory in the town of Kent,² near Skawina, produces some coating material for MIG planes. The coating, intended to protect the planes against heat, is made from a bone meal, which is also used to make nuts and other aircraft parts.
1. Comments: The translation of Centrala Produktow Naftowych is Petroleum Products Center. It is believed that this organization has no connection with the development of mines. 25X1
2. may be referring to Kety (N 49-53, E 19-14). 25X1

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